YOU FOUND HER... IN THE OUTSIDE?
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Chapter 16
Sirit, a Run
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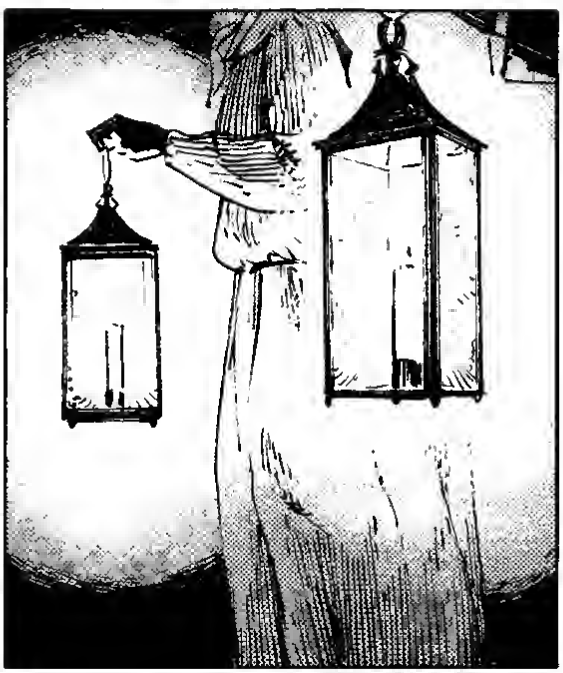
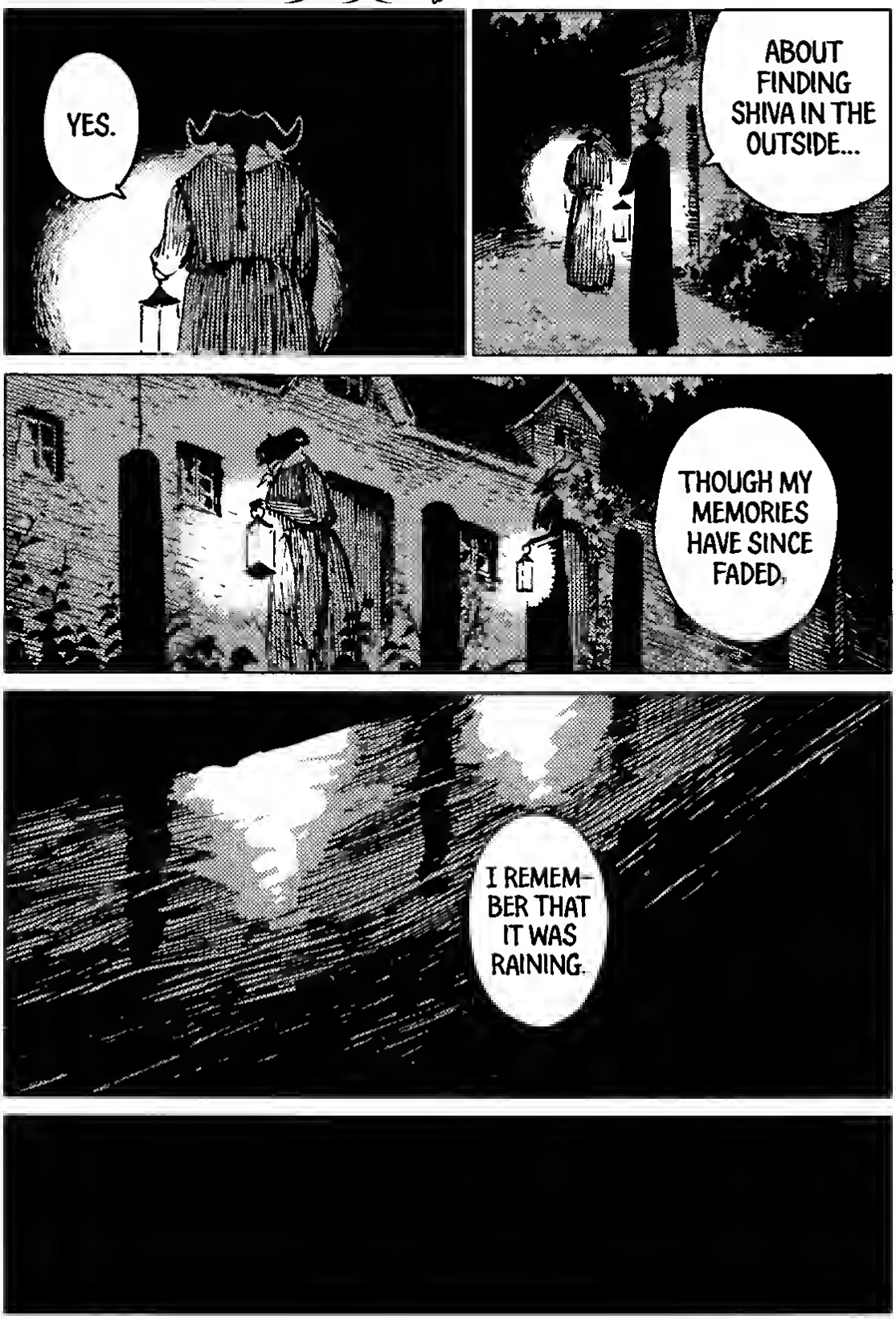
WHY DON'T WE GO FOR A STROLL?



HEY.
AWFULLY SLOW, AREN'T YOU?
WHY A STROLL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT?
.....
IT'S SO I CAN CONTINUE MY STORY.

I HAVEN'T BEEN HERE IN YEARS.
MY RELATIVES LIVED HERE.
I USED TO VISIT OFTEN.
YOU KNOW THIS VILLAGE?
...ABOUT WHAT YOU WERE SAYING EARLIER...
THOUGH THAT WAS BEFORE IT BECAME THE OUTSIDE.
WE WOULD PICK BERRIES AND NUTS NOT FAR FROM HERE
AND MAKE SWEETS WITH THEM.


YES.
ABOUT FINDING SHIVA IN THE OUTSIDE...
THOUGH MY MEMORIES HAVE SINCE FADED.
I REMEMBER THAT IT WAS RAINING.

I HAD BETTER HURRY HOME.
OH DEAR. THE RAIN IS PICK-ING UP.

OH MY GOOD-NESS...
HOW DREADFUL.
ANOTHER POOR SOUL HAS BEEN CURSED.

MAY THE LIGHT GUIDE YOU TO HIS SIDE...
AT THE VERY LEAST, I PRAY YOUR SOUL RETURNS TO OUR FATHER.

A VOICE?
RUSTLE

MY GOD...
A BABY...

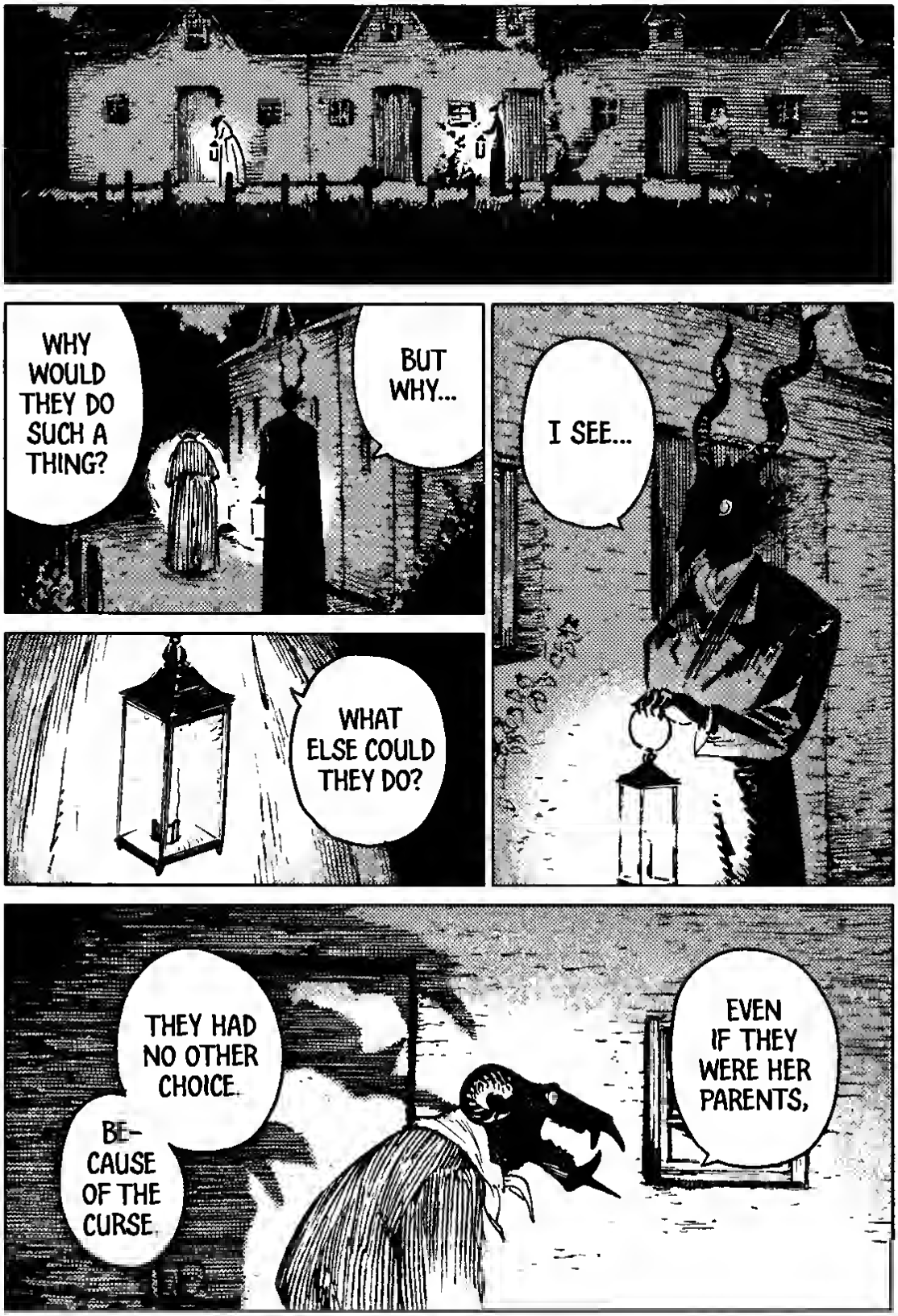
FWISH
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
YOU'RE SAFE NOW.
YOU POOR THING...
SO YOU'VE BEEN ABAN-DONED...
GOODNESS, YOU'RE FREEZING...

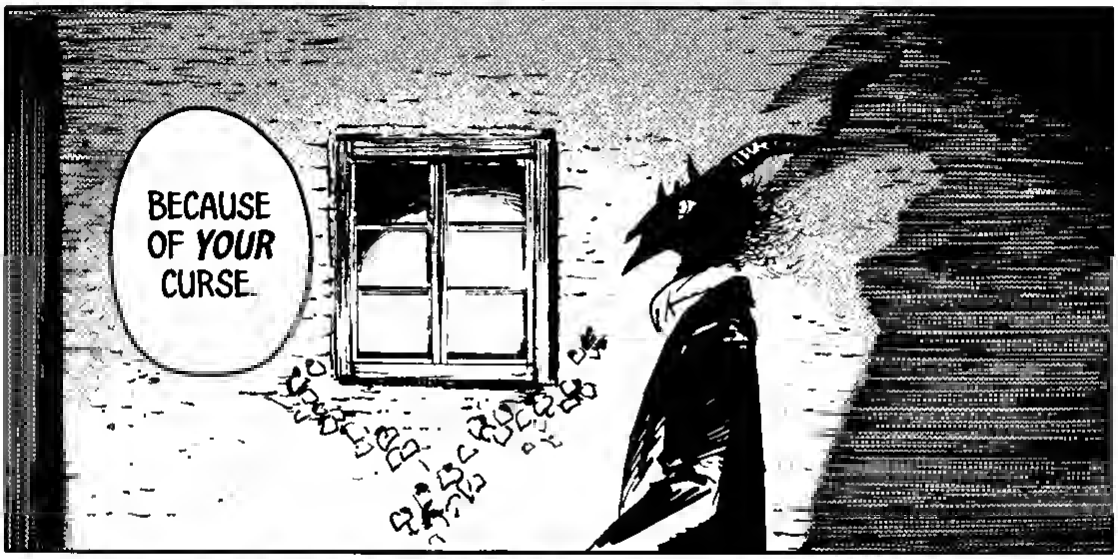
HOW AWFUL...

AAH.
IS THAT YOUR MOTHER? OR PERHAPS YOUR FATHER?
I SEE.
EEHH.
AAH.

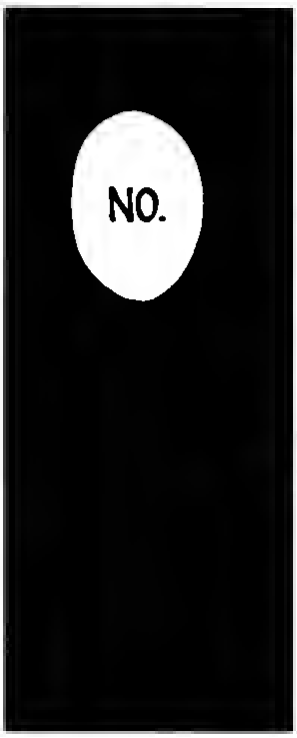
IT MUST'VE BEEN SO COLD.
YOU'VE BEEN VERY BRAVE.
THERE, THERE.

IT'S ALRIGHT NOW.
YOU NEEDN'T BE AFRAID ANYMORE.

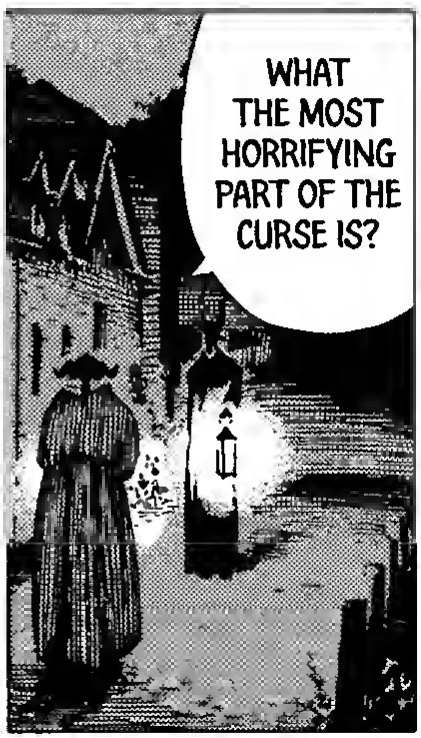

WHY WOULD THEY DO SUCH A THING?
BUT WHY...
I SEE...
WHAT ELSE COULD THEY DO?
EVEN IF THEY WERE HER PARENTS,
THEY HAD NO OTHER CHOICE.
BE-CAUSE OF THE CURSE.


BECAUSE OF *YOUR* CURSE.

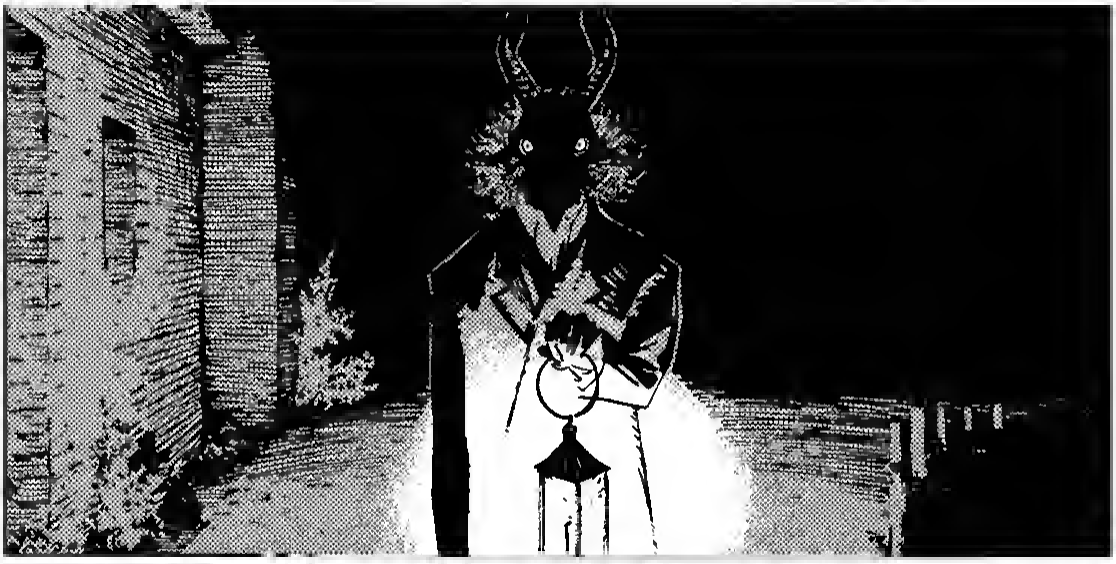
DO YOU KNOW...

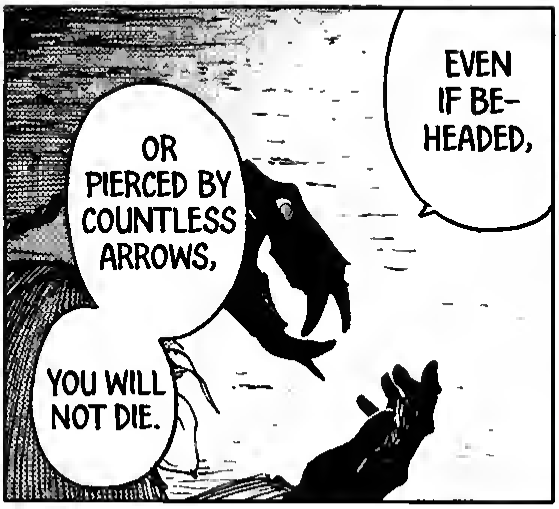

NO.

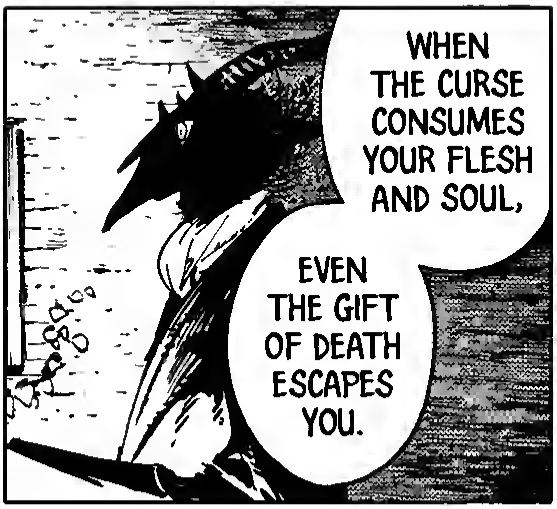
IT'S TURNING INTO MONSTERS THAT SPREAD THE CURSE, ISN'T IT?
WELL,

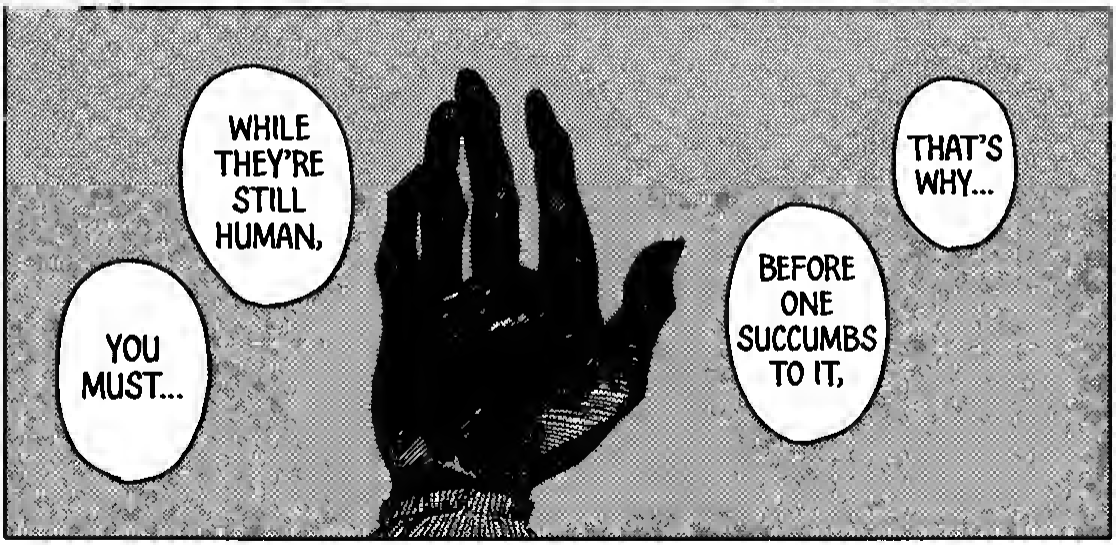

WHAT THE MOST HORRIFYING PART OF THE CURSE IS?

YOU CAN NO LONGER DIE.




EVEN IF BE-HEADED,
OR PIERCED BY COUNTLESS ARROWS,
YOU WILL NOT DIE.

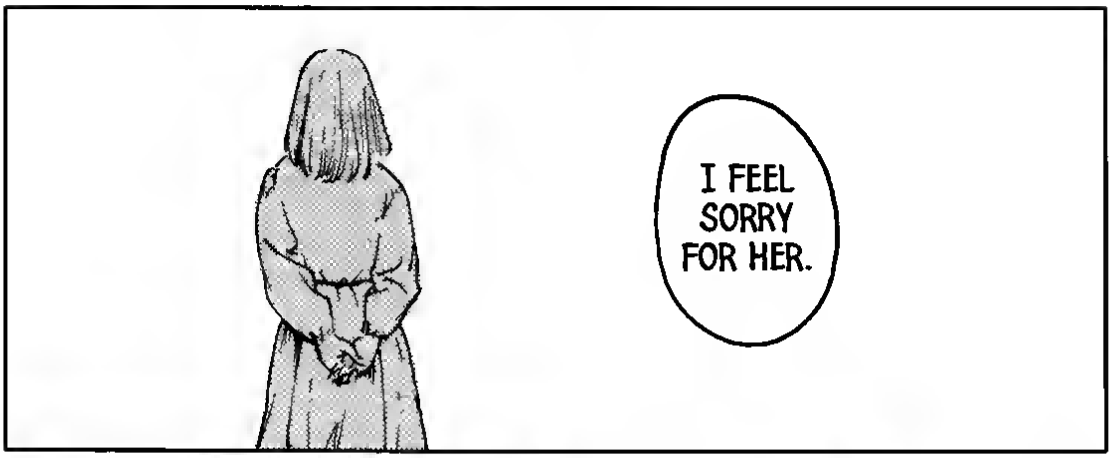

WHEN THE CURSE CONSUMES YOUR FLESH AND SOUL,
EVEN THE GIFT OF DEATH ESCAPES YOU.


WHILE THEY'RE STILL HUMAN,
YOU MUST...
BEFORE ONE SUCCUMBS TO IT,
THAT'S WHY...

EVEN IF THEY NEVER WERE.

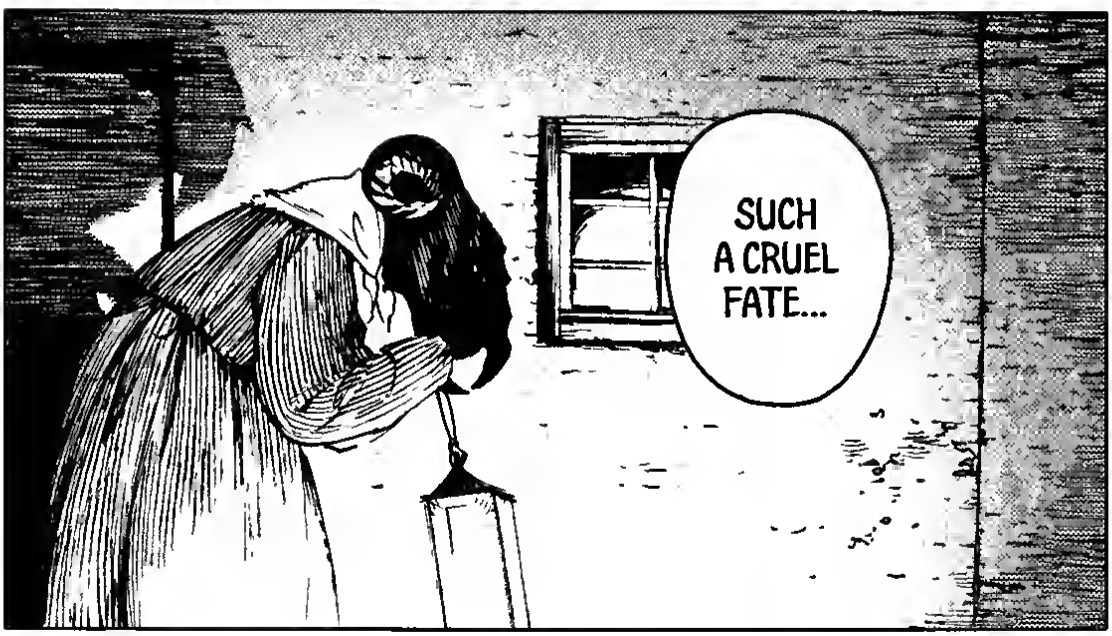
EVEN IF YOU ONLY SUSPECTED THEY WERE CURSED.

THAT IS THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE THEM.


I FEEL SORRY FOR HER.

AND LEFT WAITING TO DIE ON THE SIDE OF A ROAD.
IT WAS...

ABAN-DONED IN THE COLD RAIN...
NEVER KNOWING THE LOVE OF HER MOTHER OR HER FATHER,


SUCH A CRUEL FATE...

SNAP

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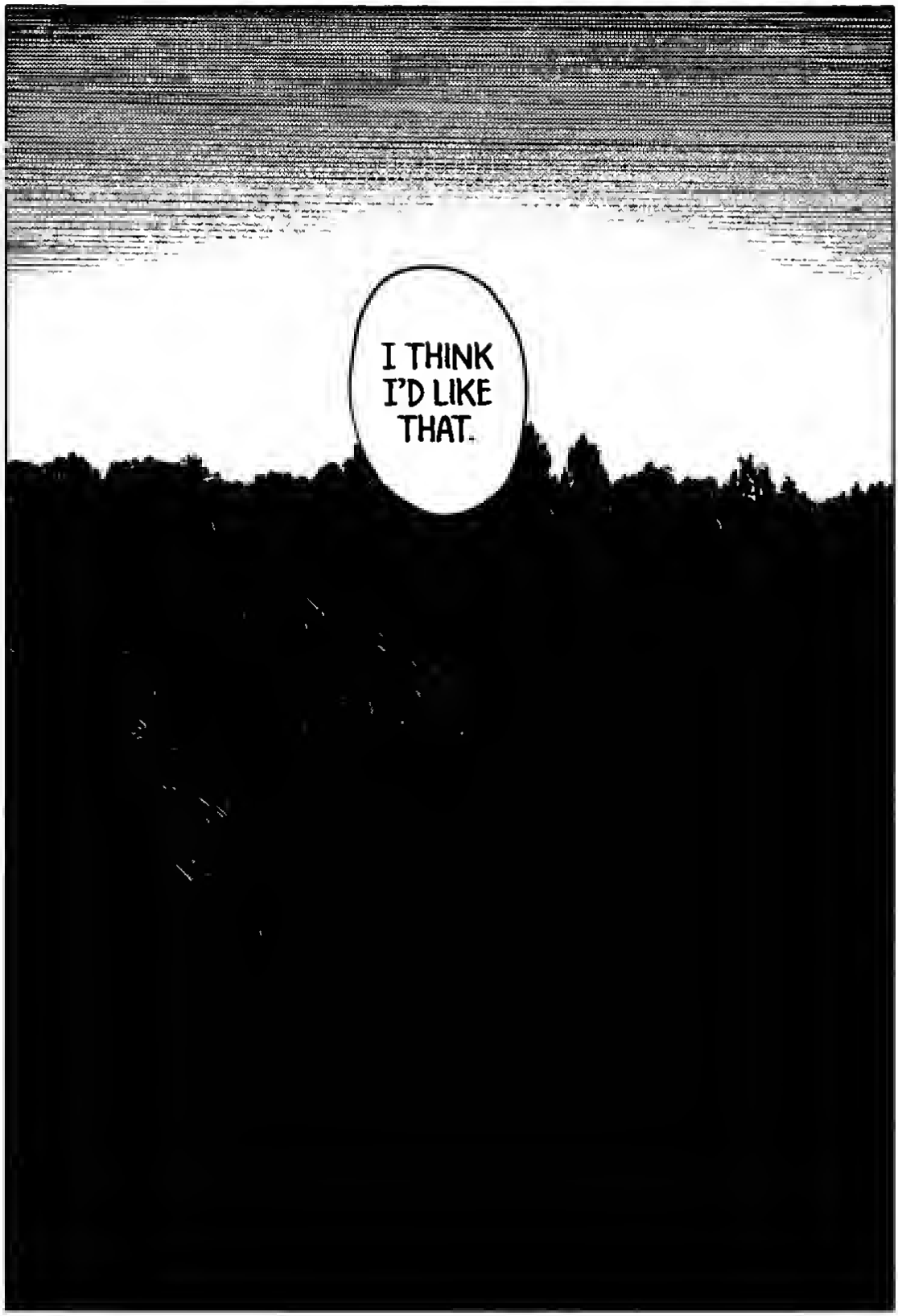
WHY ARE YOU LIVING WITH HER?
TELL ME.
IT'S JUST THAT
...THERE ISN'T A PARTICULAR REASON.

I OWE HER A DEBT.

HEY...
AH, MORNING ALREADY.

SHIVA WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF YOU COULD.
IF IT'S ALL RIGHT, WON'T YOU STAY WITH US?
...YES, YOU'RE RIGHT.


I THINK I'D LIKE THAT.